

Today's Worship
November 7, 2021
24th Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME

Rev. Karen Hoyt

I feel the sweetness of His love
Piercing my darkness
I see the bright and morning sun
As it ushers in His joyful gladness

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader and People

L: The earth and all that is in it belongs to the Holy One.

P: **Look, here is our God, for whom we have waited.**

L: This is the Holy One, for whom we have waited.

P: **Let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation.**

L: Who shall ascend the hill of the Holy One?

And who shall stand in this holy place?

P: **We come, seeking the face of God.**

MUSIC

He Has Made Me Glad
Leona Von Brethorst -1976

All

I will enter His gates
With thanksgiving in my heart
I will enter His courts with praise
I will say this is the day
That the Lord has made
I will rejoice
For He has made me glad

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MUSIC

Mourning Into Dancing
Tommy Walker - 1992

All

He's turned my mourning
Into dancing again He's lifted my sorrows
And I can't stay silent
I must sing for His joy has come

Where there once was only hurt
He gave His healing hand
Where there once was only pain
He brought comfort like a friend

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PASTORAL PRAYER

Chris Hester

LORD'S PRAYER

All

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 11: 32-44 (NRSV)

Mr. Hester

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."
³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that

if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Isaiah 25:6-9 (NRSV)

6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

7 And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

8 he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

9 It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

MUSIC

For All the Saints/All Praise to Thee
William How 1864/F. Bland Tucker - 1938

All

For all the saints
Who from their labours rest
Who Thee by faith
Before the world confessed
Thy name O Jesus
Be forever blest
Alleluia, Alleluia

All praise to Thee
For Thou O King divine
Didst yield the glory
That of right was thine,
That in our darkened
Hearts thy grace may shine
Alleluia, Alleluia

Thou wast their Rock,
Their Fortress and their Might
Thou Lord their Captain
In the well fought fight Thou in the darkness
Drear their one true Light
Alleluia, Alleluia

From earth's wide bounds,
From ocean's farthest coast
Through gates of pearl streams
In the countless host
Singing to Father,
Son and Holy Ghost
Alleluia, Alleluia

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Hoyt

SERMON **Troubled Times**

CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE

MUSIC **Bridge Over Troubled Water** Simon & Garfunkel – 1970

When you're weary
Feeling small
When tears are in your eyes
I'll dry them all
I'm on your side
Oh, when times get rough
And friends just can't be found
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down

BENEDICTION

Mr. Hester

Go into the world as the living body of Christ, bringing eternal life to all who seek God's face.

ALL: **We go in peace to Love Christ, Love People, and Help People Love Christ. AMEN**

Opportunities This Week

Monday, Nov. 8

Serve at South Hall Community Food Pantry 4-6PM
(Jackie Buchan 678-313-8893, jackiebuchan@charter.net)

Music Rehearsal 6:30PM Bagley Annex
(Janni Martin 770-533-0679, friendofguatemala@gmail.com)

Tuesday, Nov. 9

Bible Study 7PM virtual
(Chris Hester 678-936-5127, chrishester23@gmail.com)

Thursday, Nov. 11

Veteran's Day

Bible Study 10:30AM virtual
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, rob.bruce@ngumc.net)

Saturday, Nov. 13

Serve at South Hall Community Food Pantry 10AM-12PM
(Jackie Buchan 678-313-8893, jackiebuchan@charter.net)

Sunday, Nov. 14

Children's Sunday School 10AM Bagley Annex sunroom
(Chris Hester 678-936-5127, chrishester23@gmail.com)

Pages Adult Sunday School class 10AM Bagley Annex classroom
(Garry Glenn 678-617-8073, rglenn@aim.com)

Journey to Bethlehem Adult Sunday School class
9:45AM Bagley Annex garage
(Lamar Jordan 770-536-9043, ljordan4751@charter.net)

Joyful Noise Adult Sunday School class 10AM Bagley Annex basement
(John Wright 404-281-9820, grampajohngrumps@gmail.com)

Current Hearts Adult Sunday School class Pastor's office and Zoom
(Rev. Dr. Susan Taylor revdrtaylor@gmail.com)

Worship 11AM pavilion and streaming online
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, rob.bruce@ngumc.net)



Loving Christ Loving People Helping People Love Christ

Welcome! We're Glad You're Here!



We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, filthy rich, dirt poor. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail or could afford to lose a few pounds.

We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or like our pastor who can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Methodist than Asbury, or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters.

We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion;" we've been there too.

If you blew all your offering money at the dog track, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts and you!

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